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SAN DIEGO'S "PARTY KING" SENTENCED FOR ZONING VIOLATIONS

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San Diego, CA (November 4, 1998) -- A San Diego man, who is known as the "Party King" for his commercial party operations, has been placed on probation for zoning violations. This week, 71-year-old Jim Morgan pleaded no contest to two counts of zoning violations on his 4931 Logan Avenue property in Lincoln Park.

Morgan's use of the property has been the subject of community concern for years. Morgan has used this property, located in a largely residential area, as a storage yard for miscellaneous construction materials, debris, and his "Party King" bus fleet. In 1987, the area was re-zoned from commercial to residential. Prior to this change in the zoning laws, Morgan had started to develop the property as a commercial retail center. He completed development of the retail center. However, he used the center's parking lot as a storage yard, in violation of zoning laws. The community was concerned because there are mostly homes and schools in the area. Morgan does not live at the 4931 Logan Avenue address.

San Diego Municipal Court Judge Robert C. Coates placed Morgan on probation for three years on the condition that he perform 52 days of volunteer work service under the supervision of a local community organization, the Knox Community Council, pay more than \$1,600 in investigative costs and fines, and remove all construction materials, debris, and vehicles related to his "Party King" leasing business. If he fails to comply with the conditions of probation, the defendant faces 120 days in jail.

"This case is an example of the community speaking out and being heard," City Attorney Casey Gwinn said. "The community was concerned about the condition of Mr. Morgan's property. The City of San Diego's Code Compliance inspectors and our Code Enforcement Unit listened to those concerns and took action." This case was brought by the City Attorney's Code Enforcement Unit.

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